



ACADEMY
LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



The heatwave of a week or so ago seems to have well and truly left us here at the Academy, but once more, it has been a #Langleylicious week packed full of productive learning and excellent teaching across all year groups! I have been so impressed with the new Enrichment programme put together by Mr. Davis, and was delighted when I

popped in to see the new DJ session and our long-time friend of the Academy Mr. Brennan from SIPS delivering! He was a mainstay of the Wednesday afternoons when we first opened, alongside Mr. Singh who is into his eighth year in partnership with SIPS helping to deliver music provision here at Q3 Langley!

On Monday, the Senior Leadership Team ventured across to what is essentially my second home – Walsall FC's Bescot Poundland stadium! It was great to catch up with old colleagues and also to receive the plaudits from our CEO, Mr. Dan Parkes, in recognition of our examination performance this summer. I also welcomed Amy Whittall – our new Executive Director – for her first official visit in her new role since joining the Trust in September. We say goodbye this week to Miss Robinson, our Student Support Champion for Year 10, as she takes on a new role elsewhere. We thank her for her hard work and wish her the very best!

As always, it is wonderful to hear about student exploits outside of the Academy – please keep sharing them via DM! I had Time 4 Tea with a published author no less, Baylee Rolls-Coley (9D1), and had the pleasure of reading her one thousand-word piece! In addition, congratulations to the following three-time Star of the Lesson students: Haider Ali (9C2), Seth Allan (7S1), Hatem Elmallah (10L2), Fabian Green (8A1), Maisey Green (9D2), Joe Johnson (10C1), Maryam Rafiq (8D1), Valentina Severi (9S2), Kunal Sood (8S1), Lewis Thompson (9L2).

It is recorded in our Dates for the Diary section, but we are hosting our first Year 11 Parent and Student briefing of the year on Monday 25th September 2023. Mr. Mills and Mr. Giles will be hosting the session with two separate time slots: 16:00 and 17:00. This is a really vital meeting that signposts the journey for this academic year and gives you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We have run these for the last couple of years, and they have been very well attended – please join us on Monday.

It was the first Sandwell Secondary Heads' meeting of the new school year this week – again my colleague, Mark Arnall, does a sterling job chairing this and it was great to catch up with colleagues old and new and hear about the two new schools that opened in September. I look forward to visiting the new Windsor Academy in due course after working with their head Mrs. Wilkinson last year.

Next Thursday also sees our Open Evening 2023. Mrs. Fogarty is doing an excellent job as always, finalising plans for this event in conjunction with my organisational guru Mrs. Brady and her team. A reminder, it is not an event that you need to book for, and the whole event lasts from 18:00-21:00 with three separate talk slots by yours truly at a quarter past the hour. Come and see us, and please share with any prospective families who may not normally view our Newsletter or socials!

A reminder once again that Family Lunch payments are due for all students not in receipt of FSM today. The amount will be slightly different for each year group – but it equates to £2.41 per day. Payment is via Parent Pay – and a huge thank you to Ms. Parslow, Mrs. Juli and Mr. Rahman for co-ordinating all this. As ever, we thank those families who pay on time and promptly. We have worked really hard, despite battling food inflation, to keep the price the same as the last academic year – and in fact in seven years have only had one increase in cost. It is such a vital part of the school day ensuring all students receive a hot and nutritious meal – our many visitors are always left in awe at what we do on a daily basis when they visit. If you are struggling financially, for whatever reason, we can do our best to support and help – but you need to contact us to discuss further.

Early this week I received the final edit of our latest promotion video from our friends at Musta Media. We are doing a special VIP screening involving the Head Boy and Girl, Prefects, Lucy Hadley, staff – Mr. Seaton, Mrs. Hawthorne, Mr. Day, Miss Rowson, Mr. Bull, Miss Pritchard and Mr. Rahman and governor Mr. Hadley on Tuesday, before we release it onto our socials later that week! It is different to previous incarnations, but again the team have done a great job, and it showcases what life is like here at Q3 Academy Langley! Have a great weekend... we will see the students back bright and early on Monday morning!

Peter Lee

Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 18th September 2023. They are:



Ruyah
Abdulkarim
8A1



Jamie-Lee
Maddock
8C1



Alessia
Adam
8D1



Abigail
Waldron
8L1



Kunal Sood
8S1



Hatem
Elmallah
10L2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 25/09/2023

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 25th September	Toad in the Hole Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables/ Gravy	Veggie Sausage (V) Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables/Gravy	Yoghurt Pot
Tuesday 26th September	Vegetarian Carbonara (V) Garlic Bread Peas		Strawberry Ice Cream Pot
Wednesday 27th September	Chicken Shawarma Potato Wedges Coleslaw	Falafel & Hummus Flatbread(V) Potato Wedges Coleslaw	Gluten-Free Genoa Slice
Thursday 28th September	Chicken Curry (H) Rice Broccoli	Vegetable Curry (V) Rice Broccoli	Chocolate Cookie
Friday 29th September	Margherita Pizza & Chips (V) Baked Beans Ketchup	Margherita Pizza & Chips (V) Baked Beans Ketchup	Fresh Fruit

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians (H) Halal Meat. The menu is subject to change at short notice.

TWYFORD'S TRAVELS

Last Week's Twyford Travel's Winner: Samiya Togotra (8L1).

Well done Samiya!

This week's Twyford's Travel is:

Using the five clues below guess the country.

- Three-quarters of the world's alpaca population live in this country.
- The highest sand dune in the world, Cerro Blanco is situated in this country and stands 1,177 metres from base to summit.
- The deepest canyon in the world, Cotahuasi Canyon, is also found here. At 11,004 feet deep, it is almost twice as deep as the Grand Canyon.
- The potato originated in this country and today, there are over 3,000 varieties grown in the country.
- In 2014 it was established that the source of the Amazon River, the Mantaro River, is located in this country.

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 26th September at 3:30pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Headteacher's decision is final in this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Year 11 Parent Briefing

Monday 25th September 2023—4pm or 5pm

Open Evening

Thursday 28th September 2023—6pm-9pm

Open Mornings

Commence Monday 2nd October 2023

Book via Eventbrite

Parents' Consultation Evening 1

Thursday 19th October 2023—3pm-7:30pm

Students finish at 2:30pm

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Just a reminder to all families and students that Kooth provides free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Follow the link for online counselling and emotional well-being services for children and young people.



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